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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-2661) (C)

SUBJECT: GAITANO PETER GRANDE, aka  
G. Peter Grande; *Peter Grande*  
Former Lieutenant,  
Pompano Beach, Florida  
Police Department;  
ROBERT MINTON - VICTIM  
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Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 9/21/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM reflecting that subject was acquitted on October 2, 1972 of assault and battery charges in the Court of Records, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

A copy of this LHM is being made available to the U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida.

ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 44-2661

Miami, Florida  
October 26, 1972

RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE, also known as  
G. Peter Grande,  
Former Lieutenant,  
Pompano Beach, Florida  
Police Department;  
ROBERT MINTON - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

The October 3, 1972 edition of the Pompano Beach, Florida "Sun-Sentinel" carried a story entitled "Lt. Grande Acquitted on Assault Charges". The following is a copy of this article:

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RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE

# SUN-SENTINEL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1972

## Lt. Grande Acquitted On Assault Charges

By SYLVIA MARTIN  
Sun-Sentinel Writer

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — Former Pompano Beach Police Lt. G. Peter Grande, fired June 30 for alleged misconduct, won acquittal yesterday on an assault and battery charge when a Court of Record judge granted a defense motion for a directed verdict.

Judge Humes Lasher ruled the prosecution failed to present evidence sufficient to support the misdemeanor charge which stemmed from a Dec. 1, 1971, incident involving a handcuffed prisoner.

Asst. State Atty. Joseph F. Hand attempted to show through testimony that Grande had used excessive force in handling the prisoner, Robert Minton, but the judge ruled the evidence was circumstantial and did not prove criminal assault.

The non-jury trial ended late yesterday afternoon without the defense presenting testimony.

According to the complaint,

Grande was accused of striking Minton, 22, while he was handcuffed and on the back seat of a patrol car. Minton had been arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest following a family dispute at 2305 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach.

Meanwhile, civil action filed by Grande against the City of Pompano Beach is still pending before Circuit Court Judge George Richardson in which the 15-year police veteran has asked for a review of his dismissal and monetary damages.

Grande was fired June 30 for alleged violations of city personnel rules and police regulations. The charges included conduct unbecoming an officer, violation of official regulations, insubordination, disgraceful conduct, negligence of duties, falsification of records, absence without leave, distribution and use of amphetamines and consorting with "known criminals."

Subsequent to his dismissal,

Grande was charged (on Aug. 10) by the state attorney with the assault and battery offense.

The civil proceedings in Circuit Court were started by Grande shortly after the city's Employee Board of Appeals voted not to hear his case. The board denied Grande a hearing on the grounds that the former officer had not properly filed his appeal.

A hearing in the civil case has been set for Oct. 12.

Grande's attorney, Peter Portley, said yesterday his client had not commented on the outcome of the criminal trial, but would definitely pursue his efforts in civil court to gain reinstatement to the police force.

Neither City Manager John Cartwright nor Police Chief Joseph Ziegler would comment on Grande's acquittal. Both officials had concurred in Grande's dismissal and it was Ziegler who brought the alleged assault complaint to State Atty. Philip Shailer's attention.

RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE

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10/18/72

To: SAC, Miami (44-2661)

1 - Mr. Zigrossi

From: Acting Director, FBI

GAITANO ~~PETER~~ GRANDE, AKA  
G. PETER GRANDE;  
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POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA,  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT MINTON - VICTIM  
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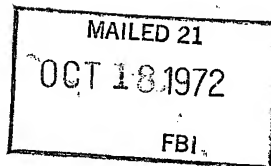
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Date: 8/21/72

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MIAMI (44-2661) (C) ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: GAITANO PETER GRANDE, aka ☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.  
G. Peter Grande  
FORMER LIEUTENANT, POMPANO  
BEACH, FLORIDA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
ROBERT MINTON - VICTIM

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## Summary of Complaint:

Former Pompano Beach Police Lieutenant G. PETER GRANDE, fired 6/30/72, for alleged misconduct, was charged in Court of Record on 8/10/72, with assault and battery. The charge stems from a 12/1/71 incident when GRANDE allegedly struck a handcuffed prisoner, ROBERT MINTON, after he was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest,

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## ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA MIAMI  
☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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following a family dispute in Pompano Beach, Florida.  
This matter not reported to FBI as of 8/15/72.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 44-2661

Miami, Florida  
August 21, 1972

RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE, also known as  
G. Peter Grande  
FORMER LIEUTENANT,  
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
ROBERT MINTON - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

The August 11, 1972 edition of the "Pompano Beach, Florida, Sun-Sentinel" carried a story entitled "GRANDE Charged with Assault, Battery for Allegedly Striking Prisoner." The following is a copy of this article:

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**FOR ALLEGEDLY STRIKING PRISONER****Grande Charged With  
Assault, Battery**By SYLVIA MARTIN  
and MIKE FREY

Sun-Sentinel Writers

FORT LAUDERDALE—Former Pompano Beach Police Lt. G. Peter Grande, fired June 30 for alleged misconduct, was charged in court of Record yesterday with assault and battery.

State Atty. Philip Shailer said the charge stems from a Dec. 1, 1971, incident when Grande allegedly struck a handcuffed prisoner.

The allegation against Grande is the latest in a series of "police brutality" complaints brought to the at-

tention of the state attorney's office.

Shailer said the Grande complaint was brought to his attention recently by Pompano Beach Police Chief Joseph Ziegler, whose department cooperated fully in the investigation.

According to the complaint, Grande allegedly struck Robert Minton, 22, after he was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest following a family dispute at 2305 N. Riverside Dr., Pompano Beach.

Grande is accused of striking Minton several times with his fists while the two sat in the back seat of a police car in which the manacled Minton was being transported to the Pompano Beach police station.

Shailer said two Pompano Beach policemen witnessed the alleged attack upon Minton by Grande. Minton reportedly had spit at Grande.

Assault and battery is a misdemeanor, carrying a maximum penalty upon conviction of one year in the county jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Police Chief Joseph Ziegler said although the alleged incident occurred over nine months ago, facts surrounding the charges did not come to

light until a recent investigation was opened into Grande's conduct as a police officer.

Grande was fired from the municipal police force by Ziegler June 30 for alleged violations of city personnel rules and police regulations. The charges included alleged use and distribution of amphetamine drugs, associating with "known criminals" and disclosure of confidential police information.

Grande appealed the charges but the Employee Board of Appeals voted this week not to hear the case.

The appeals board voted 2-1 Tuesday to deny Grande a hearing because the former officer had not followed proper format in filing his appeal to the board.

Although no appeal is to be heard unless Grande gets a reversal of the decision in Circuit Court, the board meeting set for Monday morning has not been canceled.

The meeting was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to hear Grande's appeal case and Board Chairman Robert Metzner said the session must be held because he cannot cancel it.

However, he said no appeal is to be heard and once the board is assembled the meeting will be adjourned.

RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE

On August 16, 1972, Lieutenant CHARLES S. KENNEDY, Chief of Detectives, Pompano Beach, Florida, Police Department, provided the following physical description of GRANDE:

Name	<del>G. Peter Grande</del> GAITANO PETER GRANDE
Date of Birth	<del>July 29, 1925</del>
Place of Birth	<del>Neptune, New Jersey</del>
Race	<del>White</del>
Sex	<del>Male</del>
Height	<del>5'11"</del>
Weight	<del>220 pounds</del>
Hair	<del>Dark, brown, curly, with receding hairline</del>
Eyes	<del>Brown</del>
Social Security Number	<del>145-24-5344</del>
Former Employment	<del>Detective Lieutenant, Pompano Beach, Florida, Police Department, Fired June 30, 1972, for misconduct</del>
Residence	<del>240 N. E. 45th Court Pompano Beach, Florida</del>
Wife	<del>LINDA GRANDE</del>
Arrest Record	<del>None</del>
Military Service	<del>U. S. Army 1947 to 1950 Honorable Discharge</del>

A copy of this memorandum is being made available to the United States Attorney, Miami, Florida.

RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE

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Date: 9/21/72

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION

From: SAC, MIAMI (44-2661) (P) ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: GAITANO, PETER GRANDE, aka ☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.  
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## Summary of Complaint:

Re Miami FD-365 and LHM dated 8/21/72 to the  
Bureau; Bureau airtel to Miami 9/15/72.

GRANDE scheduled to appear in Court of Record,  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on 10/2/72, charged with Assault  
and Battery.

## ACTION: UACB:

- 2 - Bureau (Encs 4) No further action being taken and  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 44-2661

Miami, Florida  
September 21, 1972

RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE, Also Known As  
G. Peter Grande,  
Former Lieutenant,  
Pompano Beach, Florida Police Department;  
ROBERT MINTON - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

The August 24, 1972 edition of the Pompano Beach,  
Florida "Sun-Sentinel" carried a story entitled "Grande  
To File Appeal". The following is a copy of this article:

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RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE, Also Known As  
G. Peter Grande,  
Former Lieutenant,  
Pompano Beach, Florida Police Department;  
ROBERT MINTON - VICTIM

## Grande To File Appeal

By MIKE FREY  
Sun-Sentinel Writer

POMPANO BEACH — An attorney for fired police Lt. G. Peter Grande said yesterday a suit is being filed by Broward County Circuit Court requesting the 15-year veteran officer be reinstated on the municipal police force.

Attorney Robert Zimmerman, who is representing Grande, said a request for a hearing in the Circuit Court is being prepared but it had not been filed yesterday. Zimmerman said he did not know when the suit would be filed.

Grande, who has been on the Pompano Beach police force since 1957, was fired by Police Chief Joseph Zeigler June 30 following a 15-day suspension from duty.

City Manager John Cartwright held an administrative hearing into the charges against Grande several

weeks later and refused to reinstate the officer.

Grande, charged with a variety of violations of city personnel rules and police regulations, then asked for a hearing before the city's Employee Board of Appeals.

The board, which is not up to its full five-member strength, refused to hear Grande's appeal on the grounds the request for a hearing was improperly submitted.

This decision was made despite City Attorney Harry Fischer's advice the action could jeopardize the city's case against Grande.

Fischer warned the refusal could be interpreted as a denial of the city employee's right to an administrative hearing into the charges against him and the courts would probably order the appeal process followed.

Zimmerman said he will not

even ask that the court order an appeal hearing into the case.

"We are going to Circuit Court to have Mr. Grande reinstated. The city refused a hearing so we have no other choice," Zimmerman said.

Grande was fired from the police force in 1962 but won reinstatement after appealing his case to the employees board. The disciplinary action of then police chief Henry Boggs was reduced to a 10-day suspension.

Ziegler charged that Grande had been involved in the illegal distribution of amphetamine drugs, associating with "known criminals" and releasing police information to unauthorized persons.

Lesser charges included transporting unauthorized persons in a police vehicle and repeatedly being at home or some other location when supposedly on duty.

RE: GAITANO PETER GRANDE, Also Known As  
G. Peter Grande,  
Former Lieutenant,  
Pompano Beach, Florida Police Department;  
ROBERT MINTON - VICTIM

On September 21, 1972, JOSEPH ZIEGLER, Chief of Police, Pompano Beach, Florida Police Department, advised that GRANDE is scheduled to appear in the Court of Record, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on October 2, 1972, on charges of Assault and Battery.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida.

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9/15/72

To: SAC, Miami (44-2661)

From: Acting Director, FBI REC-23 44-53923<sup>1</sup> - Mr. Zigrossi

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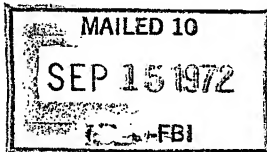
Enclosed are 2 copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated September 14, 1972. Handle request pursuant to Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions. SuLHM current status and pertinent developments thereafter.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Subject allegedly struck victim while he was handcuffed after his arrest for public intoxication and resisting arrest 12/1/71. Subject dismissed from Pompano Beach Police Department 6/30/72 for misconduct and charged in court of record at Pompano Beach on 8/10/72, with Assault and Battery. Details regarding this incident forwarded to the Department 8/28/72. Miami instructed to follow this matter as requested by the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Acting Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SEP 14 1972  
DATE:

DLN:FDA:DJD:rs  
DJ 144-18-NEW

FROM : David L. Norman  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Gaitano Peter Grande, aka,  
G. Peter Grande, Former Lieutenant,  
Pompano Beach, Florida, Police Department;  
Robert Minton - Victim  
Summary Punishment  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 28, 1972, enclosing a memorandum dated August 21, 1972, at Miami, in the captioned matter, which bears your field office file number 44-2661.

Please keep this Division informed of the progress of the local judicial action against the subject and provide copies of pertinent newspaper articles.

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